

CHAPTER 77

(House Bill 30)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 16 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Deaf, Dumb and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", as said section was amended by Chapter 699 of the Acts of 1949, relating to the amount of public assistance to the needy blind and the eligibility of applicants for such assistance.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 16 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Deaf, Dumb and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", as said section was amended by Chapter 699 of the Acts of 1949, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

16. (Amount of Assistance.) The amount of public assistance to the needy blind which any recipient shall receive shall be determined by the County Board with due regard to the available resources and necessary expenditures of the individual and the conditions existing in each case, and shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support available to the recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. Such assistance may include an allowance for nursing or other special types of care, as provided by rule and regulation of the State Department. *In determining the resources available to any applicant for aid under the provisions of this sub-title, no income shall be considered unless it is regular, computable, and currently at the disposal of the applicant for meeting his present and immediate needs. In determining the eligibility of any applicant for aid under the provisions of this sub-title an income not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, from whatever source derived, shall not be deemed an available resource of the applicant within the meaning of this sub-title; nor shall such income, not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, be in any way taken into account in determining the eligibility for aid or the amount of assistance to be granted. However, this said income not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike-out indicates matter stricken out of bill.